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HB 2033 – Chapter 319 [E] – *mine inspector; appropriation; nonlapsing

Extends the time the State Mine Inspector can collect monies from the submission of reclamation plans fees for the purposes of plan review and evaluation from July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2007 and exempts those monies from lapsing.

HB 2477 – Chapter 334 [E] – *Arizona twenty-first century fund

Expands the reporting duties of the Commerce and Economic Development Commission, establishes the Arizona Twenty-First Century Fund and appropriates \$35 million from the state General Fund.

- Establishes the Arizona Twenty-First Century Fund (Fund) to assist in the duties and goals of the Commission.
- States that the Commission shall administer the Fund, the Fund consists of monies appropriated by the Legislature and gifts and grants donated or given to the Fund, and monies in the Fund are subject to legislative appropriation.
- Allows the state treasurer, on notice from the commission, to invest and divest Fund monies.
- Requires the Commission to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a nonprofit corporation to use monies in the Fund to:
 - ⇒ Build and strengthen medical, scientific and engineering research programs and infrastructure in areas of greatest strategic value to this state's competitiveness in the global economy with an emphasis in bioscience.
 - ⇒ Actively engage scientific research, academic and medical institutions that represent both the public and private sectors on a worldwide basis.
- Mandates the nonprofit corporation that enters into the memorandum of understanding shall:
 - ⇒ Be a statewide nonprofit corporation that is incorporated in this state and that is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.
 - ⇒ Identify and document private or philanthropic investments that are equivalent to \$50 million or more in FY 2005-06. For subsequent fiscal years, the nonprofit corporation shall provide funding in an amount equal to or greater than the financial assistance provided by this state.
- Requires the Commission to submit a quarterly report to the Governor, President and Speaker detailing any expenditures made from the Fund.
- Extends, from 6 months to 18 months, the duration that monies collected by the Inspector for submission of reclamation plans are appropriated to the Inspector, rather than deposited into the Fund.

HB 2594 – Chapter 243 – *homelessness trust fund; repeal; appropriation

Repeals the homeless trust fund and the Homeless Trust Fund Oversight Committee, and appropriates the remaining monies in the fund to the Department of Economic Security for distribution between the counties of Arizona for services for the homeless and working poor.

HB 2613 – Chapter 338 – education and training vouchers; appropriation

Appropriates \$500,000 from the state General Fund in Fiscal Year 2006-07 to the Department of Economic Security (DES) for its education and training scholarship program for postsecondary education.

HB 2661 – Chapter 1 [E] [LIVS] – state employees; pay increase

Appropriates \$51,738,300 in FY 2005-06 and \$169,079,000 in FY 2006-07 from the state General Fund (GF) and other funds (OF) to provide lump-sum and performance based pay increases to state employees averaging 6.3 percent. The bill outlines criteria for performance-based pay and exempts employees certain employees hired after December 31, 2006 from the state's personnel rules.

HB 2774 – Chapter 198 – community college bookstores; revenue expenditures

States that if a community college district exceeds its expenditure limitation due to revenues from an on-campus bookstore or bookstores operated by the district, the district shall not have any state aid withheld.

SB 1346 – Chapter 388 – *fleet requirements; tax incentives; biodiesel

Amends the motor vehicle fleet mandate to purchase vehicles which operate on alternative fuels and clean burning fuels with equivalency measures for alternative and clean burning fuel consumption. Additionally, the bill places real and personal property and improvements used specifically and solely to produce 100 percent biodiesel fuel and its by-products that are valued at full cash value in class six property classification.

SB 1407 – Chapter 370 – ombudsman-citizens aide; public access laws

Appropriates \$185,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2006-07 to the Office of the Ombudsman-Citizens' Aide and requires the Ombudsman-Citizens' Aide to appoint two assistants for education and investigation duties relating to public access laws.

SB 1413 – Chapter 223 – *county development fees; report

Requires counties that assess development fees to submit an annual report accounting for the collection and use of the fees. Failure to report will result in the inability to collect such fees.

Only assigned to Committee on Rules

HB 2257 – Chapter 328 – named claimants; appropriations

Appropriates \$211,413.64 from the state General Fund to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) to fully pay for specified claims made against the Department of Health Services, the Department of Juvenile Corrections, the Department of Corrections and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System. In addition, \$94,110 is transferred from the Corrections Fund to the state General Fund and appropriated to ADOA to pay claims made against the Department of Corrections and transfers \$3,859.07 from the Risk Management Fund to the state General Fund and is appropriated to ADOA to pay claims made against ADOA.